Training in July, 1996. No such drive has been undertaken for OBCs.

(b) The Special Recruitment Drive was launched on 15.7.1996.

The details of backlog vacancies in respect of SCs and STs identified in Department of Telecommunications and Department of Post are enclosed at Statement I and II (*See* below).

Efforts are on to fill these backlog vacancies at the earliest.

The waiting list of telephones in Delhi as on 31st March, 1996 was 9221. The waiting list has risen to 38941 as on 31st January, 1997, inspite of providing 1,02,576 telephones connection from April, 1996 upto January, 1997.

The waiting period for telephone has gradually reduced. As on 31st January, 1997, in 39 out of 55 exchanges of Delhi, there is no waiting list even for the Non-OYT category of telephones. Availability of telephone on demand depends upon the growth of demand and the extent of participation of private sector in providing this service.

Filling up of vacant posts reserved for SC/ST/OBC

*71. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special drive has been undertaken for filling-up of vacant posts of different categories in the Ministry of Communications reserved for SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present backlog and the targets contemplated for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Special Recruitment Drive has been undertaken for filling up of vacant posts of different categories in Ministry of Communications reserved for SCs and STs, in accordance with the instructions issued by Department of Personnel &

Statement-I

Ministry of Communications department of Telecom

The following vacancies have been identified in respect of Department of Telecommunications for SRD-96 in various grades:

(A) *TCHQ, Circles (including MTNL), Telecom Factories*

	Group 'A'	Group 'B'	Group 'C'	Group 'D'
SC	Nil	02	82	189
ST	Nil	02	348	399
TOTAL:	Nil	04	430	588

(B) *Public Sector Undertakings (VSNL, TCIL, ITI & HTL)*

	Group 'A'	Group 'B'	Group 'C'	Group 'D'
SC	19	21	176	13
ST	18	11	25	2
TOTAL:	37	32	201	15
GRAND TOTALKs:	37	36	631	603

Statement-II

Ministry of Communications Department of Post

Backlog of vacancies as identified on 1.8.96 and target fixed to be achieved by 31.3.97 are as follows:

	Group 'C'	Group 'D'	Total
Scheduled Castes	248	49	297
Scheduled Tribes	382	91	473
TOTAL:	630	140	770

Eviction notices to civilian employees of Delhi Station Headquarters

*72. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some civilian occupants of Defence in married accommodation of Delhi Station Headquarters have been issued notices for eviction and damage rent though these allotments are for more than 30 days;

(b) if so, the details of each of the allotments made between May 1993 to December 1996;

(c) whether notices for eviction orders and damage rent orders have been issued simultaneously; and

(d) if so, justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Annexure (*See Appendix 180, Annexure No.* 10]

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir Notices have been issued by the Estates Officer only to those persons who have been declared unauthorised occupants. Such occupants are issued two simultaneous notices—one for eviction under Sub Section (2) of Section 4 of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971 and the other for payment of damage rent under Sub Section (3) of Section 7 of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971.

Drug Procurement Policy for Defence Medical Establishments

*73. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be plesed to state:

(a) whether there is any drug procurement policy for supply of drugs for the medical establishments under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sick companies within the provisions of Sick Industries Companies Act, 1985 are, under the parameters of such policy debarred from becoming vendors for the defence medical establishments; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) As per policy of the Ministry of Defence relating to procurement of drugs for supply to the Armed Forces Hospitals, Tender Enquiries are issued to the firms registered with Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health and Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) which hold a valid licence. Purchase is made from the lowest acceptable tender. As per the guide-lines for assessment and registration of vendors